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SUBJECT: ZAIRE-SGM CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

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1. SOCIETE GENERALE DIRECTOR NOKIN WILL MEET MOBUTU IN BADEN-BADEN JANUARY 19 ACCORDING TO BELGIAN CHARGE. IN MEANTIME, GOZ HAS FORMALLY SEIZED WORLD BANK OF ITS DISPUTE WITH BELGIANS.

2. CAHEN JAN, 14 FILLED US IN ON WEEKEND DEVELOPMENTS WHICH INCLUDED FLYING TRIP TO KINSHASA OF SGM REP LOUWERS. WHEN BELGIANS LEARNED LATE LAST WEEK THAT PERCENTAGE CALLED FOR IN SGM CONTRACT HAD NOT BEEN PAID, INQUIRIES WERE MADE TO ASCERTAIN THIS NOT RESULT TECHNICAL PROBLEMS IN BANQUE DU ZAIRE. EVENTUALLY, CAHEN REACHED BISENGIMANA LATE JAN. 12 WHO CONFIRMED MOBUTU HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS SUSPEND PAYMENTS. WHEN CAHEN REFERRED TO SG'S POSITION OF WILLINGNESS NEGOTIATE PROVIDED PAYMENTS CONTINUED IN THE MEANTIME, BISENGIMANA SAID MOBUTU HAD SPOKEN AND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO REVERSE PRESIDENTIAL DECISION AT THIS STAGE. BISENGIMANA OFFERED TO REINSTATE ONE PERCENT SERVICE FEE BUT BELGIANS REFUSED.

3. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, BISENGIMANA CALLED IBRD REP GUETTA AND OFFICIALLY SEIZED HIM OF DISPUTE BETWEEN GOZ  
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AND SGM. BISENGIMANA REPLIED NEGATIVELY WHEN GUETTA ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING GOZ WISHED BANK TO DO AT THIS STAGE. HE SAID GOZ PREFERRED TO TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH BELGIANS...IN EVENT NEGOTIATIONS FAILED, GOZ WOULD ABIDE

BY IBRD'S ARBITRATION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE 1969 AGREEMENT.  
IN JANUARY 13 MEETING BETWEEN GUETTA, CAHEN AND LOUWERS,  
FORMER, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, ASKED BELGIANS TO CONSIDER  
WHETHER PROVISIONS 1969 AGREEMENT WERE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE  
FOUND IN SIMILAR AGREEMENTS NOW EXISTING BETWEEN OTHER  
COUNTRIES.

4. EVEN THOUGH DISAPPOINTED OVER SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS,  
CAHEN STATES NOKIN DEFINITELY WILL MEET WITH MOBUTU JAN. 19.  
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